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[CHANGE BOY]

THE OATH BETWEEN THE TWO CHILDHEN WHO MET, AND EVERYTHING FROM THERE.....

I'M GONNA BE A STAR !!
MITSURU !!
ONODERA KOUTA (7)
YEAR 199X MAY 10TH
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE PEOPLE HAPPINESS!
BUT I KNOW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS IS TO BECOME A STAR - SO THAT EVERYONE LOVES!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I LIKE MAKING PEOPLE SMILE SO I WANT TO DO THAT!
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM KOU-CHAN?
YOTSUBA MITSURU (7)
WHAT ARE YOU LIKE... MS FOR THE FUTURE?
WELL THEN MITSURU...
NO IT ISN'T!!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
A STAND ALONE WORK, A NEW EYE-OPENING 54 PAGE ROMANTIC COMEDY!!

WHAT!?
THOUGH TO BE HONEST, MITSURU, I'M GOING TO BE MOVING AWAY NEXT WEEK.
THAT'S A GREAT DEAL!!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ROMANCE!!
I GUESS I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GET A CUTE GIRLFRIEND...
ON THIS DAY, 10 YEARS FROM NOW, OUR 17TH BIRTHDAY, WE'LL MEET HERE AGAIN!
SO LET'S PROMISE!
AND THEN WE'LL BOTH SEE IF OUR DREAMS CAME TRUE!

CHANGE BOY
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東毅
AZUMA TAKESHI
A NEW ERA OF ROMANTIC COMEDY MANGA HAS FINALLY COME WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THIS MANGA!
センセイには時に思いもよらない運命が……
待っていたりするのデス。
A FATE THAT HADN'T BEEN CONSIDERED EVEN AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME……
HAS APPEARED AS WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT.
LOVE AND MIRACLES IN THIS NEW MOVING ROMANTIC COMEDY!
THE 9TH ENTRY IN THE 2HHH HAESHOT SERIALIZATION SERIES!

I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE GO OUT-
AKIBA-SAN!!
10 YEARS LATER.

SFX: SHUFFLE, DROP
I-I'M SORRY AND I KNOW MY REASON ISN'T GOING TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER...
CON-FESSED, YOU KNOW?
BUT... I EVEN CAME OUT AND...

SFX: DISBELIEF
WHAT-!?
I'M SORRY.

SFX: SHOCK
WELL, BYE.

SFX: BAM! (HARSH)
BUT I JUST DON'T LIKE YOUR FACE.

EVEN ON YOUR LAST DAY OF BEING 16, YOU WERE REJECTED! YOU'VE CONFESSED 30 TIMES AND BEEN TURNED DOWN EACH TIME! IT'S SAD MAN!
IT'S JUST TOO SAD MITSURU!!
SHE'S THE PRETTIEST FIRST YEAR! DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU HAD A CHANCE IN HELL WITH HER!?
YOU IDIOT! THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO FORGET THE WHOLE IDEA OF CONFESSING TO HER!
SFX: SOB
IF IT'S MY *BLEEP* OLD MAN LOOKS, I'LL JUST MAKE A NEW FACE!
QUICK! HOLD HIM DOWN!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TRYING TO CUT OFF YOUR FACE!?
!!
TICK
BUT IT ALWAYS COMES DOWN TO MY FACE!
EVERYONE ALWAYS SAYS HOW "IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS."
SFX: CRUSHED
WELL THERE'S NO NEED TO GET DOWN ABOUT IT!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO LAND OUR DREAM GIRLS
GUYS LIKE US THAT WEREN'T BORN "LOOKING LIKE HOT STUFF" ARE DOOMED TO GETTING ONLY THE SECOND BEST WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE
WELL WE'RE READY TO JUST GO AHEAD AND ACCEPT REALITY
REALITY?

IT'S A DAY EARLY, BUT I KNEW YOU'D LIKE THIS BIRTHDAY PRESENT
AWW MAN! CHIKA-RIN-!
HERE! I MANAGED TO GET A PICTURE OF YOUR GODDESS FOR YOU
WHAT RESILIENCE...!!
WITH THIS, I FEEL LIKE I CAN GO ON FOR 10 MORE YEARS!
AAAH OF COURSE CHIKA-RIN IS THE UNIVERSE'S CUTEST GIRL!
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME THAT SHE IS-
WELL SHE'S EVEN THE MOST POPULAR TOP IDOL RIGHT NOW FOR SURE
SO THE PERSON YOU REALLY LIKE IS TACHIBANA CHIKA RIGHT?

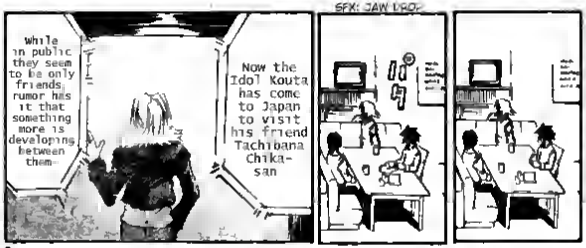
I JUST THINK OF CHIKA-RIN'S FACE AND SUDDENLY IT DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD ANYMORE.
IT'S JUST THAT WHEN I'VE FAILED IN MY CONFESSIONS OF LOVE, SHE'S LIKE THE ANGEL TH..T HEALS MY WOUNDED HEART TIME ..ND TIME AGAIN.

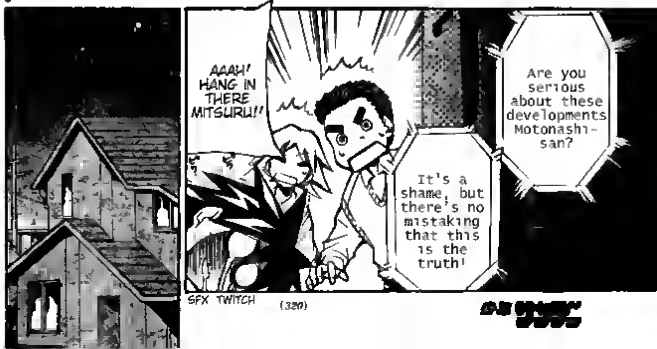
HE'D EVEN GO THAT FAR!?
AND WITHDRAWN FROM SOCIETY INTO THE HIT COMPUTER WORLD "SE**ND LIFE"
IF NOT FOR HER I WOULD'VE GIVEN UP ON THE REAL WORLD BY NOW,

SFX GUSH

And now for Kouta san.
SHE'S THE SUN-LIGHT THAT SHINES IN MY HEART!
A PURE GODDESS!!

The truth about my friendship with Tachibana Chika-san...
Haha... just that, she's a really good friend.


SFX: JAW DROP
While in public they seem to be only friends, rumor has it that something more is developing between them-
Now the Idol Kouta has come to Japan to visit his friend Tachibana Chika-san


AAAH! HANG IN THERE MITSURU!!
It's a shame, but there's no mistaking that this is the truth!
Are you serious about these developments Motonashi-san?
SFX: TWITCH

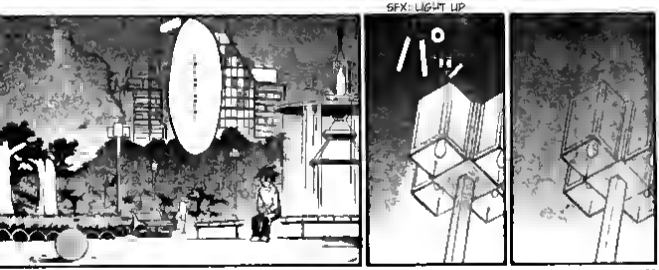
THE GIRL THAT I'VE ALREADY FALLEN SO DEEPLY FOR HAS SOME OTHER GUY?
AS IF I'LL EVER FORGIVE HIM FOR TRYING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HER...
WELL WE'RE READY TO JUST GO AHEAD AND ACCEPT REALITY.
SAY IT AIN'T SO CHIKA-RIN!
BUT OF COURSE A GUY LIKE ME COULDN'T EVEN BE SEEN IN FRONT OF HER.
I'D HAVE TO BE LIKE KOUTA...
KOU-TA...
KOUTA?
SPEAKING OF WHICH HIS NAME SURE SOUNDS SIMILAR TO MY OLD PAL KO-CHAN
I WONDER WHAT HE'S UP TO NOW?
10 YEARS FROM THIS DAY
YOU AND I WILL MEET HERE ON OUR 17TH BIRTHDAY.
THAT'S TO-MORROW
SHOULD I GO?
BUT WILL KO-CHAN EVEN SHOW UP?

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY FACE HIM LIKE THIS...!!
I HAVEN'T EVEN MANAGED TO COME CLOSE TO MAKING MY DREAM COME TRUE...
EVEN IF HE DOES COME, WHAT THE HECK WILL I TALK TO HIM ABOUT?
SFX: NOISE
AND IN THE END HE DECIDED TO GO
18
SFX: WHOOSH
THAT WOULD BE KO-CHAN'S DREAM, IT SURE SEEMS DAUNTING...
I WANT TO BRING PEOPLE HAPPINESS!
I'M GOING TO BECOME A STAR THAT ENTERTAINS EVERYONE!
.....

WELL EVEN THOUGH I DOUBT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT BIG,
HE'S STILL PROBABLY ABLE TO WALK AND HOLD HIS HEAD HIGH, UNLIKE ME WITH MY MISERABLE LIFE
COFFEE
Today Flavor

SFX: NOISE

SFX: LIGHT UP



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FROM AZUMA TAKESHI-SENSEI:

HI, I'M AZUMA TAKESHI. NOWADAYS PEOPLE ARE BORN AND RAISED TO BELIEVE IN "WINNING CLASS" AND "LOSING CLASS," AND THAT THERE'S NO REVERSAL ONCE THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST. EVEN IN POLITICS THERE'S THE IDEA OF HOPE AND EXPECTATION. I HOPE TO HELP PEOPLE RELAX WITH THIS STORY OF SECOND LOVE, IN WHICH I HOPE YOU READERS CAN FIND SOME ENJOYMENT.

THANK GOODNESS! YOU'VE COME TO!
WHO IS THIS GIRL?
SFX CLOSE
15
I WAS EVER SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU
PHEW!
...?
WELL THEN, I'LL GO CALL A DOCTOR
HUH?

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WOAH !!
HISAMINE CHIGAYA
久峰ちがや
THAT'S THE NAME OF A GRAVIER IDOL

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THE REST OF THEM... THEY'RE ALL FROM REALLY IMPORTANT PEOPLE...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
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I KNOW I DEFINITELY WENT OUT TO GO MEET KO-CHAN AT THAT PLACE, AND JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO RETURN
MORE-OVER, WHAT HAPPENED TO ME BACK THERE?

AND WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER PERSON THERE,
WASN'T THAT KO-CHAN?
I WAS IN AN ACCIDENT—?
AND THEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL—?
SFX CLATTER
SFX OPEN
17
UM EXCUSE ME—
WHERE'S THE REST-ROOM?

SFX: BLUSH, FIDGET
I THOUGHT I KNEW THAT...
AH UM... WHERE IS THAT ANYWAY?
WHY IS SHE GETTING ALL HOT UNDER THE COLLAR?
UM, COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE THE REST-ROOM IS?
OH THAT'S OVER HERE! JUST GO STRAIGHT...!
HUH?
10
SFX: WHEEL
UM, EXCUSE ME...
?
SFX: STARE
WHAT'S WITH THAT GIRL?
.....

SFX TEAR UP
SFX GRAB
HUH?
O-OK
SURE?
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD SHAKE HER HAND?
SFX BOUNCE
WHAT IS THIS!?
SHE ACTUALLY STOOD UP
SHE STOOD!
YES! YES!
10
MORE-OVER WHAT'S WITH ME?
SFX TUG
NORMALLY I'D WANT TO HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR, BUT I HAVEN'T EVEN BOTHERED
WHAT WAS WITH THAT GIRL?
DID SHE MISTAKE ME FOR SOME KIND OF MOVIE STAR OR SOME-THING?

SFX WHOO
20

UWAAAAAAH
MY FACE HAS TOTALLY CHANGED !!!
MY FACE!! WHAT THE HECK!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT!!
21
WH-WHO'S THERE !?
HERE! DOWN HERE!
I'M SO GLAD FOR YOU ONODERA KOUTA-SAN!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU!?
WHA-...
ANGEL CO.'S 17TH FAR EAST DISTRICT OF SPECIAL EVENTS STUDIES DIVISION!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
Love

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I'M WHAT YOU'D PEOPLE WOULD CALL AN "ANGEL."
AN ANGEL!?
It looks like just as reported, there are 3 people here.
Souls
OUR JOB IS TO GATHER THE SOULS THAT APPEAR RIGHT AFTER A PERSON'S DEATH AND TAKE THEM WITH US.
ONCE WE GATHER THEM, WE THEN HAVE TO COUNT AND TAKE RECORD OF THEM
THE TRUTH IS THAT WE'RE IN A BIT OF A BIND RIGHT NOW...
I'M THE ONE WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO BE IN CHARGE OF YOUR ACCIDENT.
SO I WAS IN AN ACCIDENT AFTER ALL!!

AND I WAS ON MY WAY AND EVERYTHING, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I RAN A LITTLE BIT LATE.
THE REPORT HAD SAID THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON THAT WAS TO HAVE DIED
SO YOU COULD IMAGINE HOW SURPRISED I WAS TO COME ALONG AND SEE THAT TWO PEOPLE WERE DEAD.
THE TWO WERE YOTSUBA MITSURU AND ONODERA KOUTA.
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KO-CHAN DID SHOW UP AT THE ACCIDENT SITE, AND GOT WRAPPED UP IN WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MY DEATH!!
I TRIED TO SAVE ONE LIFE...
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AND QUICKLY TRIED TO PUT A SOUL BACK IN ONE OF THE BODIES, NOT NOTICING THAT I HAD CONFUSED BODY AND SOUL WHEN I REPLACED IT.
SO I SORTA PUT YOUR SOUL INSIDE OF THE WRONG BODY...
HAHAHA!!
Oohhh
Oohhh
SFX: HA!
SFX: GYAU!
23
SO THEN THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT THEN!!
OWIE
!!
WAIT, SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT I'M
YES

YOU ARE YOTSUBA MITSURU'S SOUL WITHIN THE BODY OF ONODERA KOUTA
.....
N-NO WAY
SFX. GYAH!
BUT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE LATE THAT THIS WHOLE THING HAPPENED!!
I'M SORRY!
SFX. HA
WELL SEEING AS ONLY ONE SOUL IS ACTUALLY NEEDED,
IT'S NOT REALLY A BIG DEAL WHERE THE OTHER SOUL GOES ANYWAY
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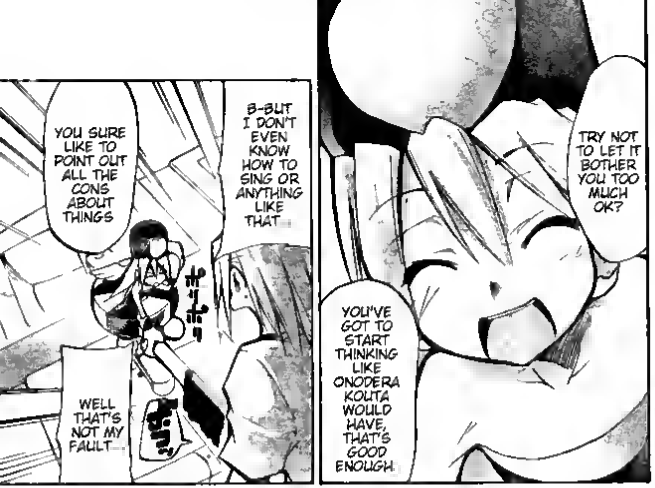
SFX. RUB RUB
BUT YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A POSITION MOST PEOPLE CAN ONLY DREAM OF! YOU'VE GOT THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A WHOLE NEW LIFE AS A SUPER IDOL!
?
SO WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
BUT I'M INSIDE OF KO-CHAN RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE A IDOL
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL

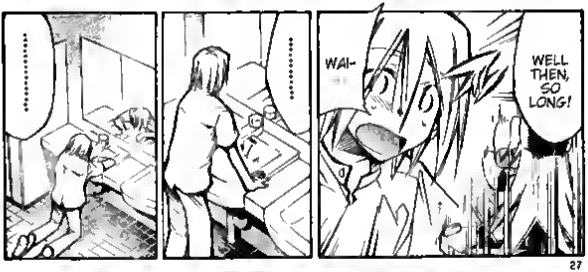
YOUR IMAGE TO OTHERS IS NOT THAT OF ONODERA KOUTA
BUT AS THE BIG STAR AND CURRENT WORLD IDOL KOUTA!

NO WAY.
KO-CHAN REALLY IS KOUTA?
KO-CHAN'S DREAM CAME TRUE THEN!
HE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH HIS BIG DREAM!
ANYWAY, I HAVE TO GO TAKE ONODERA KOUTA'S SOUL BACK TO HQ
IT'S IN THAT WAY THE HE MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO BE REBORN
WELL OKAY THEN IF I FIND KO-CHAN'S SOUL

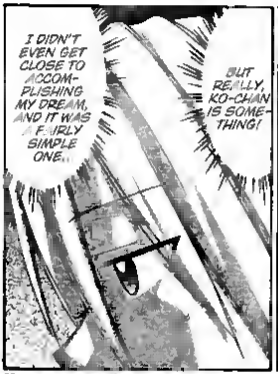
.....
UWAH !!
!!
SO LONG AS IT'S ONE PERSON AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED,
IF YOU DIE, HE CAN COME BACK!
ARE YOU KIDDING!?

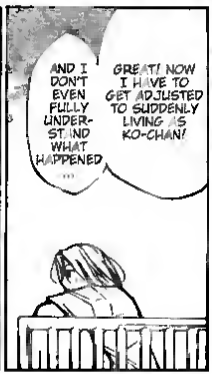
WELL IT'S A LUCKY BREAK THAT ONLY ONE OF YOU HAD TO DIE DURING THAT ACCIDENT, IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE
IT COULD'VE BEEN BOTH OF YOU SO YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE HAPPY
R-REALLY !?


TRY NOT TO LET IT BOTHER YOU TOO MUCH OK?
YOU'VE GOT TO START THINKING LIKE ONODERA KOUTA WOULD HAVE, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH
B-BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO SING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT
YOU SURE LIKE TO POINT OUT ALL THE CONS ABOUT THINGS
WELL THAT'S NOT MY FAULT

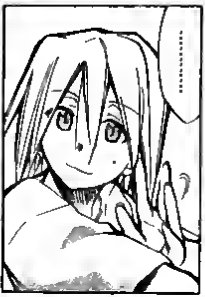

WELL THEN, SO LONG!
WAI-

NO WAY!





SFX: BOOM!



SFX: WHISPER

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COULD IT BE THAT THE OLD ME HAS DIED AND A LUCKY ME HAS BEEN BORN!?
WOW! THEY'RE TOTALLY FAWNING OVER ME!
I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND MY WAY TO PARADISE AFTER ALL, AND THE "I ♥ U" GIRLS THERE!
I'VE BEEN REBORN! I CAN RISE FROM MY DEATH AND BECOME SOMETHING EVEN BETTER THAN WHAT I WAS BEFORE!
THAT'S RIGHT!
THE MEANING TO THIS IS UNCLEAR.
EXCUSE ME
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! MY PARADISE IS STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME! IF I CAN JUST ASK I'M SURE I CAN DO IT!!!
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RING!!
RING!!
A TEXT?
RING!!

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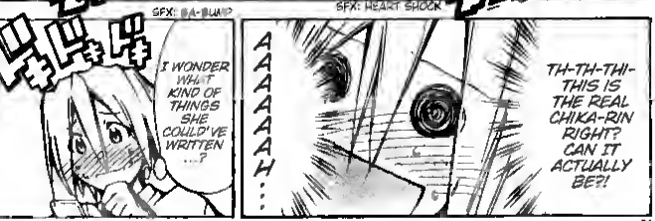
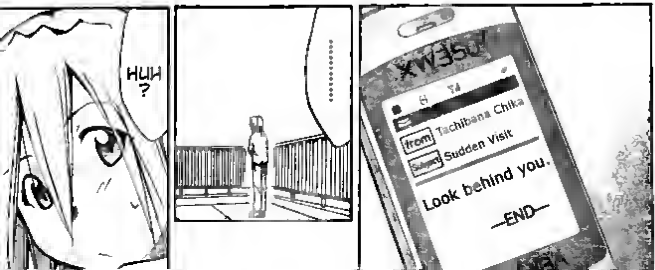
1 Message
Tachibana Chika
RING!!

CHIKA-RIN-!!!
CHI... CHI- CHI- CHI...


SFX: BA-BUMP
SFX: HEART SHOCK
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF THINGS SHE COULD'VE WRITTEN ...?
AAAAAAH...
TH-TH-THI- THIS IS THE REAL CHIKA-RIN RIGHT? CAN IT ACTUALLY BE?!


HUH ?
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XW350
from Tachibana Chika
Subject Sudden Visit
Look behind you.
-END-

WHAT'S UP?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

Y-YEAH ...

YOU OKAY?

SO I CAME RIGHT UP!

THE NURSE SAID THAT YOU WERE ON THE TOP BALCONY!

SFX: STARTLED

SFX: RUSH

SFX: SPIN

I'VE BEEN DREAMING THIS FOR 3 YEARS

WHILE SITTING ALONE WATCHING LATE NIGHT TV THINKING THAT I'D NEVER HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET HER IN PERSON...

I'D GO TO HER FANCLUB EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL.
MY FAN NUMBER WAS LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN!!
かりんの星
THIS IS CHIKI-RIN!
JUST LIKE A REAL IDOL OTAKU, I'D GET REAL CLOSE TO THE TV AT NIGHT, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO, JUST TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT HER

HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN THAT THIS WOULD BE THE DAY THAT I WOULD FINALLY BE ABLE TO MET MY GODDESS!!
AND WHEN THOSE OTHER GIRLS WOULD REJECT ME, I WOULD GO ON A JOURNEY INSIDE MYSELF TO FIND HER SMILING FACE AND GAIN THE COURAGE TO STAND BACK UP!

SHE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES NOW!!
Y-YES?
HEY KOUTA-KUN?
?
AND ON TOP OF THAT, ONLY 50 CM AWAY!!

HOW ABOUT
WE GO OUT ON A DATE?

I'M ACTUALLY OUT ON A DATE WITH CHIKA-RIN!!
UWAH! UWAH!!
SFX: HUU-
SFX: PYON
I'M SO HAPPY THAT I COULD DIE!!
UH, YEAH, YOU ARE DEAD.
SFX: TU-N
SFX: PA-SHA
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HUH?
YOUR FACE IS ALL RED CHIKA-RIN.
R-REALLY?
SFX: RED
SFX: MUTTER
I haven't gotten this much attention in my whole life...
WELL... YOU KNOW...
WHAT'S WRONG?
SFX: MUFFLED LAUGH

IT'S BECAUSE,
I'M WITH YOU SILLY.
SFX: BLUSH

A MOVIE? WELL I'VE ALREADY GOT THE BEST SEAT...
SO UM... WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO AND DO TODAY?
UM, HOW ABOUT WE GO SEE A MOVIE TOGETHER?
YES!
IT'S SO GOOD I DIED!
With you... with you... with you...
Echo
Ears

WHERE DO YOU WANNA SIT?
SFX SHOCK
DONE FOR TODAY, THANK YOU.
SFX SHAKE
WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NOTHING AT ALL!
IS THIS WHAT IT'S LIKE IN THE WORLD OF A STAR!?
SHE ALREADY HAD PLANNED EVERYTHING OUT THIS FAR AHEAD? TO EMPTY OUT THE WHOLE MOVIE THEATER JUST FOR US?
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SFX THUD
WELL THEN I'LL...
CALM DOWN DAMN IT! JUST SIT COMFORTABLY IN YOUR SEAT AND COOL IT!!
WELL I'LL SIT HERE!
.....

GAH!!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!!!
TAKE A SEAT HERE!
WRITING: CROTCH HEAVEN!!
SFX: BA-BUMP
SFX: LAND
H-HOLY COW IS SHE THAT INTO ME?
HUH-!?
GO ON AND LET THEM! DOESN'T BOTHER ME!
WAIT- THE PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE THEATER WILL SEE US!
UWAH!!
SFX: BA-BUMPXINFINITY
COULD IT BE, THIS IS THE PART WHERE SHE HOLDS MY HAND!?
SFX: GLANCE
SFX: DUOON! VROOM— KYUN!
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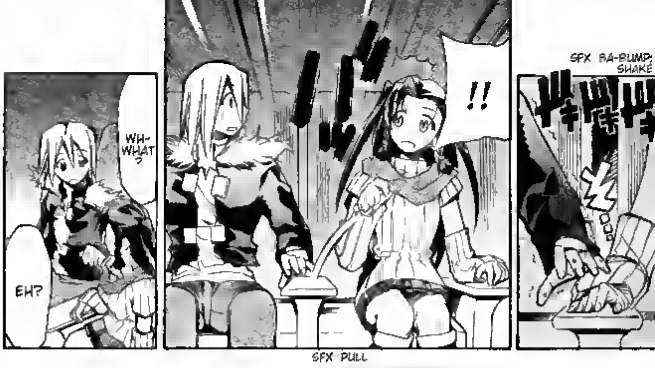

WH-WHAT?
EH?
!!
SFX BA-DUMP-SHAKE
SFX PULL

HUH?
SO-SORRY
THE TWO OF US CAN'T DO THAT KIND OF THING IN THE DARK

AWW, THE MOVIE'S ALREADY OVER TOO...
DID I DO SOMETHING TO OFFEND HER OR WHAT?
WHAT HAPPENED?
EARLIER, YOU COULDN'T KEEP YOURSELF OFF OF ME WHEN WE FIRST CAME...

SFX: LIGHT UP
SFX: OPEN
UM ARE YOU OKAY CHIKA-RIN?
.....
HUH!?
HAHAHA
WHAT?
AND HERE WE ARE BACK AT THIS PART AGAIN?
WASN'T THE MOVIE REALLY INTERESTING JUST NOW!?
BUT I'M SO HAPPY! HAPPY ENOUGH THAT I COULD JUST DIE!
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD
SFX: GLOMP

LET'S TAKE A QUICK BREATHER RIGHT HERE OK?
.....

白鳥公園

Y-YEAH
IT SURE IS GREAT THAT YOU WEREN'T SERIOUSLY HURT

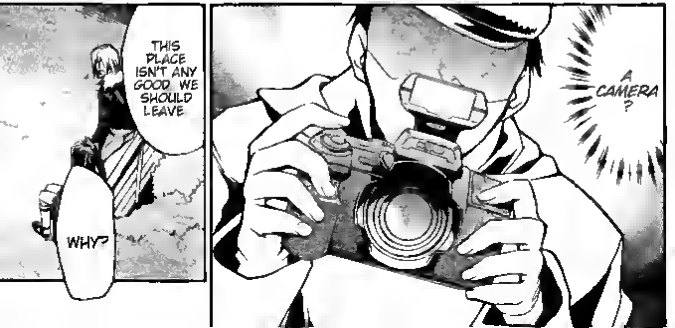
ISN'T THIS THE PLACE WHERE I HAD MY ACCIDENT?

IF YOU HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT, IT COULD HAVE AFFECTED WORK

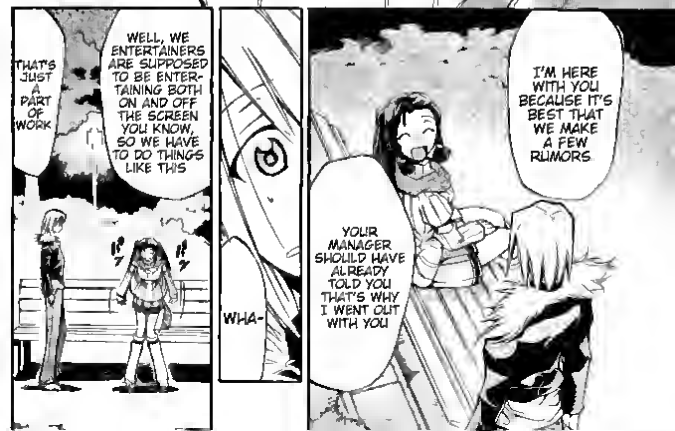
IT'S REALLY A GREAT THING

HUH?
IS SHE ONLY GOING OUT WITH ME BECAUSE SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT HOW I AM AND HOW IT'LL AFFECT WORK?

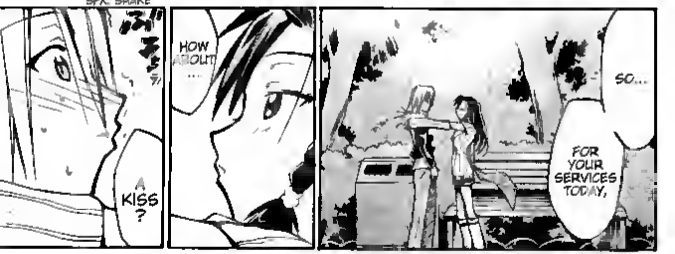
EH?
IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY TO TAKE A BREAK, MAKE SOME TIME!
IT'S NOT IM-POSSIBLE IS IT?


THIS PLACE ISN'T ANY GOOD WE SHOULD LEAVE
WHY?
A CAMERA?

AREN'T WE,
JUST DOING THIS STUFF FOR SHOW ANY-WAY?
HUH?


I'M HERE WITH YOU BECAUSE IT'S BEST THAT WE MAKE A FEW RUMORS
YOUR MANAGER SHOULD HAVE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT'S WHY I WENT OUT WITH YOU
WHA-
WELL, WE ENTERTAINERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ENTER-TAINING BOTH ON AND OFF THE SCREEN YOU KNOW, SO WE HAVE TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS
THAT'S JUST A PART OF WORK

WHICH IS WHY IT'S BEST YOU JUST PLAY ALONG AND STAY ON TOPIC. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE MY OPPOSITE, DO YOU?
OR DID YOU ACTUALLY THINK THAT I WOULD GET THIS CLOSE TO YOU JUST FOR A PERSONAL THRILL?
IF SO, I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LIVE UP TO THOSE EXPECTATIONS.
SFX: LICK


SFX: SHAKE
KISS?
HOW ABOUT...
SO...
FOR YOUR SERVICES TODAY,

MITSURU...
This is the moment I've been waiting for all this time...
.....

Why is it now
That I remember Ko-chan's promise to me here?
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE EVERY-ONE HAPPY!
I WANT TO BE A STAR THAT WILL ENTERTAIN EVERYONE!

SFX PUSH

I SUDDENLY BLURTED SOMETHING WITHOUT EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT
.....?
WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING?
I'M SAYING THIS IS ALL WRONG!
WH-WHAT?
WRONG?

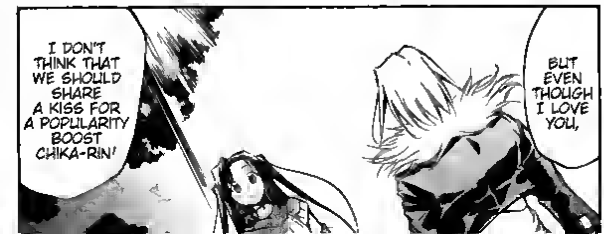
A KISS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE SHARED JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT BETWEEN TWO STRINGERS!
I, ONODERA KOUTA,
WILL NOT STOOP TO THE LEVEL OF GOING OUT WITH YOU JUST TO MAKE SOME FLIMSY RUMORS!
FOR KO-CHAN'S SAKE...

TO BE AN ENTERTAINER THAT WOULD BRING EVERYONE HAPPINESS!
ONODERA KOUTA JUST WANTED...

IT'S NOT THAT I HATE YOU...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY THAT YOU HATE ME OR SOMETHING RIGHT?
I DON'T GET EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT...
.....

I LOVE YOU! WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!
I'VE LOVED YOU SINCE YOU MADE YOUR DEBUT ON LATE NIGHT TELEVISION,
AND I'VE COLLECTED ALL OF YOUR PICTURES AND BEEN TO ALL OF YOUR FAN-MEETINGS!
and even this evening was beyond my imagination!

WHA
SFX: RED


I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD SHARE A KISS FOR A POPULARITY BOOST CHIKA-RIN!
BUT EVEN THOUGH I LOVE YOU,

DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT AS WELL?
.....
WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO HIGH AND MIGHTY?
DON'T JUST GO ON AND ON...
CHIKA!
SAYING WHAT YOU WANT!
!!
OF COURSE I WANT MY FIRST KISS TO BE WITH SOMEONE THAT I LOVE!
.....
SFX: BLAM!
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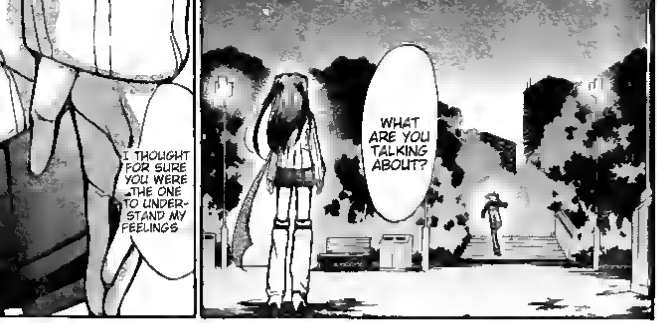
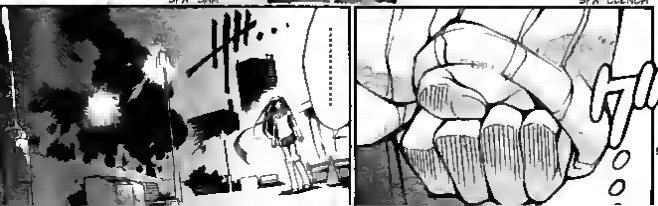
THAT'S ABSOLUTELY FINE THEN.
!!
I KNEW THESE WERE YOUR TRUE FEELINGS THIS WHOLE TIME CHIKA-RIN

YOU REALLY ARE THE UNIVERSE'S
CUTEST GIRL.

SFX: DASH
I'M A DAMN FOOL!
I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE KISS WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE!
...
WELL THEN I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE HOSPITAL


I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE THE ONE TO UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU, UNPHASED BY THOSE GIRLS WHO HAVE HAVE GOOD OUTWARD FEATURES AND SURROUND YOU...
WOULD BE THE MAN I LOVE!!


SFX SAA
SFX CLENCH

KA-BOOM!

WHAT?

Tachibana Chika-san and Kouta-san were seen fighting late night outside in a park!
Could it be trouble in paradise?
YOU'RE A FOOL!
SO WHAT IF A CAMERAMAN WAS AROUND? ISN'T THAT THE NORM FOR IDOL LIFE?
ONE WEEK LATER...
It's not like that.
Crisis?
Tachib n-san!! Is it true that you and Kouta-san are having a bit of a love crisis?
AND I WENT AND SAID ALL THOSE AWFUL THINGS TO HER WITHOUT EVEN GETTING A FEEL...
CHIKA-RIN IS FRIGGIN' SUPER ANGRY...
You and Kouta-San are still an item then?
Wh-what does this mean?
CHIKA-RIN...?
Huh!?
We just started going out you know?

I'm not the type of girl to go on and on

.....

I'm keeping things between me and him quiet.

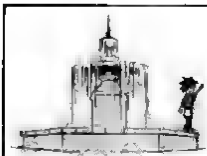
BUT YOU GUYS HAD BETTER QUIT ASKING ME.

I'M NOT GOING TO LIE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

YEAH, KO-CHAN

HEY MITSURU — WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

IT'S MY DREAM WHAT I'M LIVING OUT.



RIGHT NOW

Mitsuru's miracle occurrence, could this actually be how it began to come true? Please continue to give Azuma Takeshi-Sensei your support!

CHANGE BOY - END

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